

The Watchman and Southron.

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INSPIRED POETS.

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Dispens'ry's gone forevermore!
Official jug! there's none;
The tiger blind must bang it's head,
Prohibition's got the bone.

The logger head sings up the high oak tree,
The sun flower bows its head;
The whippoorwill chants in quaint melody,
The bung-starter's hopes are dead.

"What's the news, old fellow?"
Said John to Farmer Bea,
"Your crops are looking yellow,
And you are looking thin!"

"Ah! John," replied the farmer
My dearest John Ga-rye,
The weather is growing warmer,
And everything is dry!"

To Senator Irby.

Some Questions by One of Much Faith
in the "Organization."

You are the chairman of the State Democratic executive committee, the official head of the party. You have been trusted with the duty of caring for the party's welfare and enforcing its rules. It is part of your business to apply such measures as will prevent persons who are not Democrats from taking part in party conventions and primaries. Is it not also part of your business as official head of the party to demand that no man who is not a Democrat shall be recognized as a candidate for any Democratic nomination? We ask the question for information.

There is much confusion as to what a Democrat is. Judge Haskell and his friends who ignored the party nominations four years ago aid they were Democrats. The Alliance voters and candidates who brought the Ocala platform into the Democratic party claimed that they were Democrats. The one test heretofore universally accepted has been that men shall act and vote with the Democratic party, shall support its nominees, recognize its machinery and be governed by its rules. By that test, if you remember, the Haskellites, as they are called, were regarded four years ago as being outside of the party and were readmitted only on pledge to support the nominees and obey the rules.

Three prominent candidates for Governor of this State—John Gary Evans, W. D. Evans and W. H. Ellerbe—have been asked the following question:

"Will you pledge loyalty to the demands of the Farmer's Alliance and Industrial Union above loyalty to party caucus, and vote against any and all candidates who decline to commit themselves to this extent?"

Each of the three has answered this question plainly and publicly. "Yes."

What does that mean, Chairman Irby?

It means that these citizens, asking nomination of the Democratic party, asking to be made its representative and leader, pledge themselves to act with the party only so far as they are permitted to do so by an organization which is not connected with the party and which is in several matters and many parts of the country in direct and violent opposition to it. Suppose a man should go before the people pledged to ignore the party caucus and to vote independently of party platforms and nominations when required to do so by the Republican party? Would you recognize him as a valid Democratic candidate? The cases are precisely the same. It may be argued that the Alliance and Industrial Union is like a church denomination or a secret society, the rules of which a man would promise to respect above party obligations. But that will not fit Churches and secret societies are not in politics and the Alliance is. It has held its conventions and announced its platforms and one of its foundation doctrines is independence of party. You doubtless know that in this State it has been held that no obligation relieves a man from the stain of independence if he bolts the party nominees. Yet here are the three leading candidates for Governor pledging themselves to bolt if the nominees do not fit the ideas of the Alliance. They promise that they will vote against every man who refuses to take the pledge exacted of them. In other words if some man should have the courage to declare himself a Democrat first, last and all the time, and to say that he would be bound in his political action by the decision of party caucus, primary or convention, and if such a man should receive the party nomination, these candidates would vote against him.

Now, what do you propose to do about it, as the official head of the party?

You and other leaders of the Reform faction in this State have claimed to be stalwart, straight Democrats. Some of you have talked very boldly in time past against Third party people. Most of you are said by your friends to be men of nerve, of invincible courage. The public has been told much of your outspoken and manly utterances and your unfaltering determination.

Now, here is the time for you to show how much nerve and courage and determination you have. Now is the time for you to speak when your speaking may mean something of danger and trial for yourself. Have any of you the stuff in you? Have you the grit to face influences and powers and, perhaps, opposing majorities for what you know to be right? You have been sailing along with the tide while your friends

have boasted of your Democracy and nerve. Are you a fair weather Demo? crat only, or can you face a storm? Are you the kind of a man who can fight well only while on the strong side and who flickers in time of danger and disaster? Are you, Senator Irby, politically speaking of course, dead game, or will you flinch from the gaff and take to your legs?

Have you the nerve to say to the party of which you are the official head that each man must choose whom he will serve; or will you go on and recognize as Democratic candidates and fit to be Democratic nominees men who pledge themselves to vote regardless of the action of the Democratic party and its legally constituted authorities and machinery?

Much depends on your answers to these questions. We have reached the forks of the road. If there is any nerve or loyalty in the leadership of the party in South Carolina they should be manifested now.—Greenville News.

The Augusta Immigration Gathering.

The Southern Immigration Convention meets in Augusta, Ga., on 30th inst., and the Governors of Southern States are expected to be present. Many other officials and citizens will attend. The railroad men will be present. The question of immigration for the South is to be discussed. It will be like other bodies of the kind that have been held from time to time. It may do much good if wise views prevail and a proper direction is given for the enforcement of those views. It may eventuate in bringing into our fruitful Southland many desirable farmers—the kind of immigrants mostly needed. The North and Northwest might send down several thousands of its tillers of the soil with much advantage to the farmers and with benefit to the South. Good lands can be bought in the South at from \$5 to \$10 an acre, and that is not more than the interest that many Northern and Western farmers are paying on the lands they till.

The South wants and needs men of capital, farmers, and sober, honest, well disposed laborers in the various callings of life. It does not need and will not have if it can help it, vagrants and wreckers—men of no industry and no character—men who are restless and dangerous—men like some of the foreign importations that curse and afflict and keep uneasy the great Northern section. Socialists, Anarchists, destructives—these are pests to society and are as full of devil and death as dynamite.

The twelve of fourteen Southern States ought to send a big delegation to Augusta. It is hoped the result of the free interchange of opinion from men in the several States will be to adopt judicious, cautious, practical measures whereby some of the vast vacant lands may be cultivated.

Senator Morgan on Finance.

Senator John T. Morgan, of Alabama, in defining his position on silver coinage, is to put it mildly a most singular one, he does not even refer to the national platform on this subject but relies on two acts of Congress passed in 1792 and 1837 when we had free coinage because the intrinsic unit of value in the ratio of 16 to 1 of both metals was the same in the markets of the world. If the conditions and surroundings were the same, no democrat could be found to raise his voice or finger against the free coinage of silver now, since the silver in a silver dollar would be worth its weight in gold as much as the gold in a gold dollar, under such circumstances it would be impossible almost to have too much coinage of either metal. But the conditions and surroundings are not the same, they have changed somewhat in recent years, the white metal has lost more than half its value and the financial legislation on silver in the days of Washington or Andrew Jackson would no more fit into the condition that now confronts us than would the knee breeches, silk stockings and silver buckled shoes of sixty or a hundred years ago fit becomingly the modern statesmen who have to grapple with the intricate questions of modern, national and international finance.

It is not often that a Legislature enacts laws which legally accomplish the very reverse of what they contemplated, but this seems to have been the case in the pan-out of the dispensary law in South Carolina. The object of this law was to give the State the exclusive monopoly of the liquor traffic and now the Supreme Court unanimously decides that there isn't any liquor traffic at all, but that the State is absolutely under prohibition, a prohibition, however, which does not prohibit the bibulous citizen from stocking his side-board or his cellar with approved brands of bug-juice from other States, and hence the prohibition is simply against the man who would like to put up a dispensary of his own and supply customers by the drink or otherwise. As the situation now is under this decision, the business outlook for the distilleries along the North Carolina border is pretty good. Gov. Tillman is quoted as saying that he will give the decision his moral support, which means, we suppose, that he will not connive at the establishment of "blind tigers," and that he will keep within the law by importing his "spirits," or helping to destroy the residue of the dispensary stock left on hand. Under this decision of the Court the State can't sell it—Wilmington Star.



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The Governor in Regard to the Dispensary's Future.

The Governor yesterday received a letter from a Mr. Travis of Chester, England, complimenting the dispensary system of control of the liquor traffic and asking for a good deal of information. The reply to his letter seems to be significant.

In concluding his brief letter to Mr. Travis, the Governor said: "As you are aware the law has been declared unconstitutional by our State Supreme Court, but I feel that I can give you every assurance that the experiment will result eventually in advancing very materially the cause of temperance."—State, May 28

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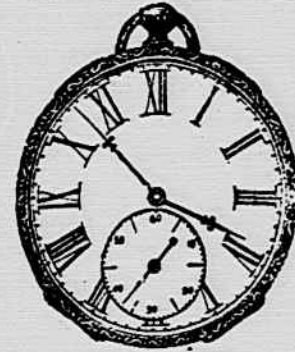
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